

**CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION**

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Mr. Sam Hammonds, Project Director  
Valero Refining Company-California  
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Dear Mr. Hammonds

**VALERO COGENERATION PROJECT (VCP) DATA REQUESTS**

Pursuant to Title 20, California Code of Regulations, section 1716, the California Energy Commission staff requests the information specified in the enclosed data requests. The information requested is necessary to: 1) more fully understand the project, 2) assess whether the facility will be constructed and operated in compliance with applicable regulations, 3) assess whether the project will result in significant environmental impacts, 4) assess whether the facilities will be constructed and operated in a safe, efficient and reliable manner, and 5) assess potential mitigation measures.

This first set of data requests (#1-\_\_\_\_) is being made in the areas of biological resources, cultural resources, geological resources, hazardous materials management, land use, noise, power plant reliability, traffic & transportation, visual resources, and water and soil. Written responses to the enclosed data requests are due to the Energy Commission staff on or before June 22, 2001, or at such later date as may be mutually agreed.

If you are unable to provide the information requested, need additional time, or object to providing the requested information, you must send a written notice to both Commissioner A, Presiding Member of the Committee for the Valero Cogeneration Project proceeding, and to me, within 7 days of receipt of this notice. The notification must contain the reasons for not providing the information, the need for additional time and the grounds for any objections (see Title 20, California Code of Regulations section 1716 (e)). Staff requests that responses be sent together rather than fragmented.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed data requests, please contact me at (916) 653-0062 or e-mail at [jcaswell@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:jcaswell@energy.state.ca.us).

Sincerely,

Jack W. Caswell  
Siting Project Manager

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